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TITLE: "METHOD FOR DETERMINING AN ASPIRATION FLOW AND  
TIME, AND APPARATUS FOR ASPIRATING A DEAD SPACE"

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

- AL European Application 1 329 238
- AT "Aspiration of Dead Space Allows Normocapnic Ventilation  
at Low Tidal Volumes in Man," De Robertis et al. Intensive  
Care in Medicine, Vol. 25, (1999) pages 674-679

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office in connection with the counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith. The European Search Report also cites PCT Application WO 91/19526, but that reference already has been made of record herein as Reference AM in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 17, 2004.

Copies of References AL and AT are submitted herewith, together with Form 1449.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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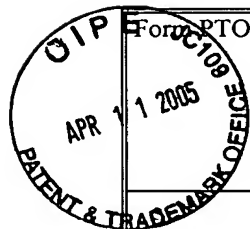
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**OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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